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In re application of:

Taku Hoshizawa, et al.

Application No.: 09/931,996

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For: METHOD OF
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FOR SAME

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.